GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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LEASE OF FOREST LAND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have allotted any forest land to the Adivasis on lease for agriculture and some other purposes;

(b) if so, the area of land allotted on lease in this regard till date, State-wise; and

(c) the number of the people likely to be benefited from this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) The Central Government do not operate any scheme for allotment of any forest land for any purpose.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.

It may also be mentioned here that any non-forestry use of the forest land requires prior permission of the Central Government under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. As a matter of policy forest land is not diverted for non-site specific activities including agriculture.